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Board seeks new member

The Washington State Board of Health is looking for a new member to represent “consumers of health care.” The appointee should not be an elected official, someone who has responsibility for the financial success of a health care facility or other health agency, or someone who has a personal financial interest in the operations of health departments. The consumer representative is typically not a practicing health care provider or an employee of a clinic, hospital or public health agency.

The board is a constitutional agency. Its mission is to provide statewide leadership in developing and promoting policies that protect and improve the public's health. It recommends policies, adopts rules for traditional public health activities, and fosters public participation in shaping the health system.

The board has 10 members — the secretary of health or a designee and nine members appointed by the governor. Four appointees represent health and sanitation, two represent consumers, two represent local elected officials, and one must be a local health officer. Appointments are typically for three-year terms and reappointment to a second term may be possible.

Meetings typically occur on the second Wednesday of the month. In recent years, the board has held eight to 10 one-day meetings a year at various locations around the state, but because of state revenue declines, it has been meeting less frequently and travelling less. Many future meetings will probably be held electronically to reduce travel costs.

Candidates may [apply online](http://governor.wa.gov/boards/default.asp) (governor.wa.gov/boards/default.asp). [Information about the board](#) is also available online (www.doh.wa.gov/SBOH/default). For additional information, contact Executive Director [Craig McLaughlin](mailto:craig.mclaughlin@doh.wa.gov) (craig.mclaughlin@doh.wa.gov) or 360-236-4106.

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The Board's mission is to provide statewide leadership in advancing policies that protect and improve the public's health. It does this by reviewing and monitoring the health status of all people in Washington; analyzing policies, providing guidance, and developing rules; promoting system partnerships; and encouraging public engagement in the public health system. For more information, visit the [Board of Health Web site](http://www.sboh.wa.gov/) (www.sboh.wa.gov/).